Welcome to Week 3

Hello everyone, the students are settling into routine, engaging in great learning activities and enjoying catching up with friends.

Our Orara Valley small school’s carnival was very successful and all the students had a wonderful time swimming, playing and catching up with their peers from the local small schools. All the principals agreed we should continue to run our own carnival. Our carnival gave all students an opportunity to swim on the day. Thank you to the P&C for running the canteen on the day. Please enjoy the photos. We wish our representative swimmers, Tahlia, Poppi, Jordi and Maynard good luck tomorrow at the Orara Valley Swimming Carnival.

Mrs Peart has been busy attending Professional Development Days on teaching Literacy and Numeracy skills and is very keen to share her knowledge and understanding with the students and teaching staff.

We would like to welcome Michael Pountney who will be working as a School Learning Support Officer here on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

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Student Invoices

Thank you to the parents who have paid their school contributions. The students are enjoying using the resources that the money assists in purchasing. Your prompt payment would be appreciated.

Life education visit

Our Life Education visit is next Monday. The cost per child is $10.00 which includes the Life Education session, a student workbook and sticker for each child. We apologise for the lateness in advising families of the cost but we were waiting on paperwork from Life Education. Attached is a permission note and Harold Mercury order form. Life Education is a not for profit registered charity that relies heavily on the raising of funds within the community to assist in the delivery of the service.
School Assembly & Parent Teacher Evening
We will be presenting the school leaders with their badges next Monday at our morning assembly.

Staff are planning our parent teacher evening (date to be advised). On this evening, there will be a short presentation of school organization, teacher’s expectations and how you can engage and support your child’s learning. This will be followed by a small B.B.Q.

UNSW ICAS Tests
Once again the UNSW are conducting International Competitions and Assessments for schools (ICAS). ICAS is an independent, skills-based assessment program. An information letter and permission form is attached for any interested families. Please note that the closing date for entries is 24th March 2016.

General Consent, Afternoon Travel Arrangements & Emergency Contact Detail Form Update
The yellow General Consent form, green Afternoon Travel Arrangements form and a copy of the Emergency Contact Detail Report are being sent home today to families who’s information requires updating for 2016 (not all families will receive all forms). Please ensure the information is completed and corrections noted on the form. Forms are to be returned to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you to everyone for your kind thoughts over the last few weeks.
Leonie Smith - Principal

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